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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR: **HIDEHIRO TOYODA AND HIROAKI NISHI**FOR: **SKEW COMPENSATION METHOD**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 7 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Request for Priority transmitting certified copy of Japanese patent application 2002-357416 to claim priority date of December 10, 2002
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi., Ltd.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449
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